

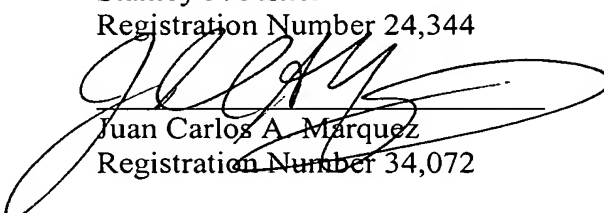
REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 as a full and complete response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 10, 2005, wherein the issue fee has not yet been paid. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this Amendment. In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the issuance of this allowed application.

Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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